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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED? • ERIC GREITENS' FIRST YEAR AS GOVERNOR

AS CANDIDATE, HE PROMISED TRANSPARENCY

AS GOVERNOR, HE HIDES BEHIND DARK MONEY

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Eric Greitens (center) talks with his campaign manager, Austin Chambers (left), in August at a watch party at the Doubletree Hotel in Chesterfield, after Greitens was declared the winner in the Republican gubernatorial primary. Chambers would go on to lead a "dark money" nonprofit called A New Missouri, which raises and spends money to support Greitens' agenda as governor.

Instead of using campaign funds, which the public can follow, nonprofit for Greitens can accept unlimited cash, keep it secret

BY KEVIN McDERMOTT • St. Louis Post-Dispatch

In January 2016, Eric Greitens, then one of a crowd of candidates seeking the Republican nomination for Missouri governor, vowed that the public would always know where his political funding was coming from.

"The most important thing is that there is transparency around the money," Greitens told St. Louis Public Radio in an interview that month. "We've already seen other candidates set up these secretive super PACs where they don't take any responsibility for what they're funding … because that's how the game has always been played."

He added: "I've been very proud to tell people, 'I'm stepping forward, and you can see every single one of our donors.' "

Less than a year into his tenure as governor, Greitens has not merely joined in the "game" of hiding financial information from the public — he has mastered it. Today, Greitens is one of the least transparent elected officials in modern state history.

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Lawsuit to block Scottrade financing is settled

Comptroller intent on her appeal; Blues see no hurdles left to executing deal

BY MIKE FAULK
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS • A lawsuit to halt the public financing of Scottrade Center renovations has been settled between the owners of the Blues and the plaintiffs suing them, according to documents released Saturday.

With the lawsuit apparently resolved, Blues spokesman Jeff Rainford said the owners believe there are no more hurdles to executing the $64 million finance agreement approved by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen in February.

However, Comptroller Darlene Green remains intent on appealing a judge's order that forced her to sign the agreement last Monday.

Otis Williams, who oversees the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority that obtains the bonds for the project, said the agency will begin the process of

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Deaths put schooling at home under scrutiny

Abusers can shield their children under a system that lacks regulations

BY CHRISTINE BYERS
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

In January 2016, someone from the Jerseyville public school district called child protective services concerned that Michael and Georgena Roberts didn't have enough food in their home.

Investigators concluded the couple's then 5-year-old son Liam had a medical condition that caused weight loss.

Soon after, the Robertses opted to home-school him and two of his siblings.

Early last month, Michael Roberts brought the body of 6-year-old Liam to a hospital. The boy weighed 17 pounds. His 7-year-old brother was hospitalized for severe malnutrition.

His father and stepmother are

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